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The magazine for young people

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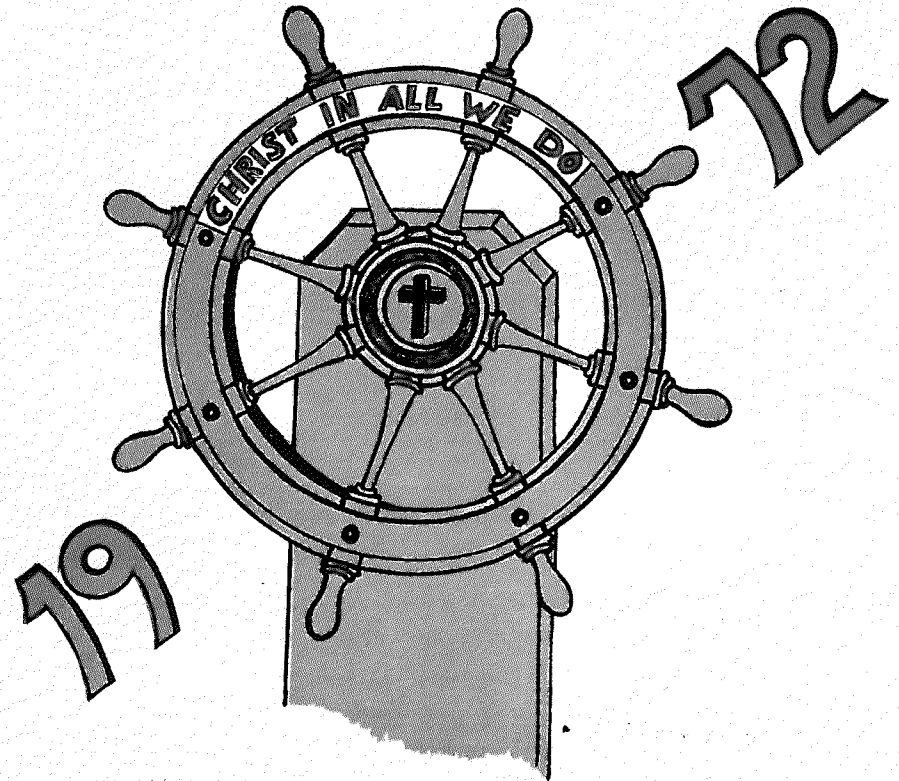
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To think we are able is almost to be so; to determine upon attainment is frequently attainment itself; earnest resolution has often seemed to have almost a savor of omnipotence.—S. SMILES.

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Add Up to Years!



Matt. 28:19, 20

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:3).

What is first place in our lives—our service to God or our service to ourselves? What do our lives revolve around? Do we continually hunger for the salvation of lost souls? Have we permitted ourselves to serve other "gods"?

Are we motivated to "compel them to come in"—or are we just existing in a lukewarm condition—in a rut of the cycle of routine living? Wasting years! Have we become hardened to men dying around us? Will it take an act of God to stir us to action? What will it take to kindle the flame in us to a full-fledged bonfire?

As we enter this fresh new year, let us not waste a minute of our precious time on lust, greed, coveting, bickering and things that keep our time consumed with trivialities. Let us make use of the precious time we have left before Jesus returns to study God's Word, give Bible studies, witness personally, pass out tracts, etc. If you don't feel you know anything, then study until you do!

Study God's Word and pray with a determination not to give up. Strive to receive guidance from on high and a blessing like Jacob, when he wrestled with the angel. Then God will tell you what He wants you to do. Whatever He asks you to do, do it even though it may seem trivial to you, and you will receive a blessing—it is truly a blessing to serve God! If we are faithful over a few things, the Lord will make us ruler over many (Matt. 25:23).

Jesus laid down His life for His friends. Can we not spend a small portion of our time for ours?

The youth of the Church can be a great band, warriors for God, if we waste not a minute.

Count your wasted minutes, because they add up to years.

Youth and Bible Prophecy

by Stanley J. Kauer

Perhaps you, like many other young people, are looking for specific, concrete answers to questions concerning life and religion. The generalities of the older "establishment" do not satisfy dynamic youth of today. Many people are very much out-of-date in their thinking. Is the Bible also out-of-date? Is it relevant to us today, or do all prophecies have to do with ancient empires or distant future events? Are there any Bible prophecies which have been fulfilled in recent times and can we discover any exact proof of this? Is the ancient Bible really "on the ball" for modern youth?

A LATTER DAY PROPHECY NOT NOW BEING FULFILLED

One complaint of youth is that the older people tend to consider *all* the prophecy of latter-day conditions as applying at the present time—and in a gen-

eral sort of way. It is true that we see a fulfillment of the prophecies of "wars and rumours of wars" and of "famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places." But these things have been going on for centuries. The fulfillment in our time is in their being intensified. But there is one last-days prophecy which definitely is *not* now being fulfilled. That is the prophecy of the "day of the Lord" found in I Thessalonians 5:2, 3. In verse 3 we read:

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them."

In other words, when people in general will be saying that we have peace and safety in this world, then the "day of the Lord" will come and there will be great destruction. But at the present time no one who is aware of world events is saying that we now have peace and safety. Leaders of all nations



are fearful and they are working to bring about a secure world peace. But they all admit that this has *not yet* been attained. And so this is one thing we watch for—the day when newspaper headlines will declare that treaties have been signed which guarantee a great period of complete world peace. This has not yet happened in recent times, but surely it will happen. Let us be on the watch!

A RECENT EXACT FULFILLMENT

A prophetic fulfillment of Bible prophecy in recent years was the establishment of the independent, sovereign nation of Israel in 1948 (about 24 years ago). Perhaps you don't consider that so recent but actually in comparison with prophecy fulfilled at the time of Christ, it is very recent. How did this fulfill Bible prophecy?

For centuries people had talked about and persecuted the "wandering Jew." The Jews were a people scattered among all the nations of the world, but with no homeland—no land they could call their own. After they came out of Egypt in the time of Moses, God gave them the "promised land," the land of Palestine. Through the times of the Judges and the Kings—a period of about 800 years—they lived in and possessed this land.

During this time they sometimes followed the way of God as taught them by the law of Moses. But *most* of the time they did *not*. They took up the false

religions of the peoples around them and finally in the year 607 B.C. the Jews lost the last vestige of sovereignty. The kingdom of Judah was destroyed and its people carried away captive to Babylon. As this happened it began a prophetic time period which was given by God through Moses, as recorded in the 26th chapter of Leviticus. Israel was told that if they departed from the way of God, and were disobedient, they would be punished.

The prophecy begins with Leviticus 26:14 and continues through verse 34. The prophecy is summed up in verse 33, "And I will scatter you among the heathen (nations), and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste." And four times in this chapter it is declared that this would be a punishment—a SEVEN TIMES punishment.

THE MEANING OF THE SEVEN TIMES

The seven times mentioned in the prophecy seems puzzling. As we consider the various wars and calamities which came upon Israel we do not find any correlation between them and the number seven. But we then remember that in Bible prophecy a "time" has a special meaning. A comparison of the prophecy in Daniel 7:24 with Revelation 13:5 shows that a "time" may symbolize a "year." And a comparison of this with the prophecy of Daniel 9 shows

that a prophetic year is 360 or 365 years, taking a year for a day.

Now how does this work out with the 7-times punishment? The beginning of the time when Israel had no homeland was in 607 B.C. Israel regained absolute title to a homeland in 1948 A.D. The time intervening is 2555 years. And we may at once observe that 7 times 365 is 2555. Here is an exact time period and an exact fulfillment in very recent times. Surely God's Word is true!

A MORE RECENT FULFILLMENT

Israel gained sovereignty over land in Palestine in 1948 and the Jews once more had a homeland. But they did not get possession of the city of Jerusalem at that time. The old city remained under the oppressive rule of the Arabs. In the Bible all peoples are considered to be in two classifications: Jews and Gentiles. Anyone who is not a Jew is a Gentile. Thus the Arabs are Gentiles. In Luke 21:24 Jesus said that:

"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

This meant that Jerusalem would be under an oppressive Gentile rule for a long time—but the time would come when this would end. This prophecy of Jesus was wonderfully fulfilled in June of 1967 when Israel captured the old city of Jerusalem from the Arab nation of Jordan. Here is a proph-

ecy spoken by Jesus almost 2000 years ago, and fulfilled in our own time—just 4½ years ago. Jewish sovereignty of Jerusalem ended in 607 B.C. The Jews had lived in Jerusalem when it was a part of the Persian empire, the Greek empire, and finally the Roman empire, as it was in the day of Christ. Jerusalem came under Arab rule in 638 A.D. and that rule continued until June, 1967. But now the old city is being restored and built up by the Jewish people. They have repeatedly said that they will never give it up. They may return other occupied lands to the Arabs, but they have annexed the old city of Jerusalem. The seven-times punishment ended in 1948 and the Gentile oppressive rule of old Jerusalem ended in 1967. The prophecy of Luke 21:24 is given as one of the signs of the nearness of the second advent of Christ. We must continue to watch and pray as world events continue to fulfill Bible prophecy. Surely the Bible is very much up-to-date and young people who are "on the ball" study and believe the Bible.

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(TRAINING OFFERED ON PAGE 17)
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SPECIAL REWARD GIVEN TO FYC'S WHO
INCLUDE THEIR ENTIRE BATTALION.
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"Intellectual"

By Sandra Cox

This is the day of the "intellectual," the modern person who seeks through volumes of books, numerous articles, and lectures by "brilliant men of learning" to construct a foundation on which to base his life—its beginning and its end. He seeks to unravel the mysteries that surround him by being realistic and down-to-earth about the whole thing.

His knowledge-saturated mind rejects age-old explanations of life—the reason for it, its culmination in this time, and its immortality in heaven or hell. He wishes to repudiate all that has to do with God and Jesus Christ by working out his reasons for everything.

When he is firmly convinced that he has figured it all out, he goes about telling others of his brilliant revelation. He tells them that we no longer need to tremble in fear of Almighty God, for God does not exist ex-

cept in the minds of those weak individuals who must have a crutch to lean on.

Next, he says that it is dangerous to the mind's well-being to exercise moral inhibitions—that the best thing to do is to let go and give vent to the various feelings and instincts within us. He also says that he has studied the theory of evolution thoroughly, and that he is convinced of its practical answer to the question of man's beginning. He teaches and preaches his theories (for that is all they are); and the more he talks, the more convinced he becomes that he is right.

Then, one day, suddenly, he realizes that he has preached himself into aloneness, destruction, and future oblivion. By relinquishing his hold on the Christian faith, he has torn away all hope—and hope is the motivating force in life.

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Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions Answered by

Dale G. Lawson



Question

Many times I listen to my parents as they visit with friends of their generation and always they seem to land on the young people (my generation) with both feet. We are "evil, mean, and apparently have gone to the dogs."

Sometimes I think my friends and I (and young people in general) allow ourselves to get into trouble because we feel that nobody trusts us anyway. Why do adults hate us so and pick on us all the time?

Answer

Come on now! You're telling me that since nobody trusts you you're not going to try at all and so you go on making sure they have no reason to do so? Feeble excuse for your misbehavior and selfish way of life and I won't buy it!

If those adults around you seem to mistrust you, that is even more reason for you to "become" the trustworthy person that you hint that you would like to be; but state that you are not. Maybe you have

given too much credibility to the "generation gap." I have seen too many beautiful family relationships (in this day) accept that as a rule of thumb. Besides that, I have observed hundreds of young people at youth camps with deep respect for and friendship with the older members of the camp staff.

Incidentally, I am aware that there are those who loudly decry the younger generation; and obviously they fail to see that ills of our society run through all ages and classes. Also, they have a tendency to forget some of their own "cute" tricks of younger years. And that, by no means, is justification for yours or anyone else's improper actions.

In an honest appraisal, we are all going to have to admit that in the last two decades, social conditions and morals (not sexual morals only) have been made worse by the adding of the "new morality" concept, drugs, and a spirit of rebellion and riot to the already existing problems (for generations) of alcoholism, drunkenness and

crime. The young people are not to blame for the trends of the last two decades. Parents, preachers, and teachers who have knocked the "inspiration of the Bible" and who have attacked God's holy commandments as a proper way of life carry a "huge load of guilt."

Let's face something: none of us are really hated or picked on as much as our imaginations would lead us to think; but each of us IS responsible for his own actions.

Question

How can I live a spiritual life in a fighting Christian family? They just fight all the time, and, please, do you have any solutions that might help me to get them to stop? And should I obey parents like this?

Answer

Though your task may seem difficult (perhaps, to you, impossible), it can be accomplished if you are really ready to be a "soldier for the Master." You see, your Christian life (your relationship with Christ) is your very own. There are several things you can do to keep it at a proper spiritual level. Some are:

Draw daily SPIRITUAL STRENGTH from the Bible!

Select readings that seem most to satisfy spiritual needs in your life. Some of my favorite readings are found in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, John, Ephesians and Philippians.

You may find others to be especially meaningful.

Take your burdens to the Lord and LEAVE THEM THERE!

Pray! Time spent alone with God will give "power" in your life.

Make and keep Christian friends!

Surround yourself with Christian friends. Avoid friendships that tend to tear down your spiritual life. It sounds like you're getting enough of that at home.

Make your church life very consistent and earnest!

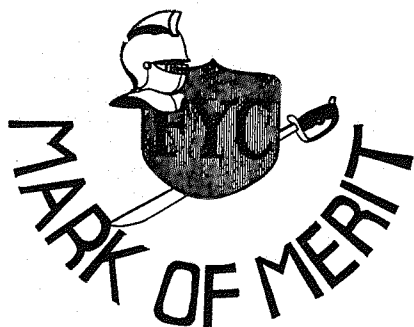
Project yourself into the church's activities just as much as possible. When you go to church, WORSHIP!

Getting your family to stop fighting depends much on the spiritual desires of the members of the family. Solutions to situations such as you have described are never ready-made; but I do have some suggestions. First, counsel with your pastor! You can depend on his being completely confidential and if you (and he) feel it to be wise, he may counsel with your family. Secondly, you may have a heart to heart talk with your parents if you feel that close to them. Finally, but certainly not to be considered last, pray about the problem. With a proper attitude and proper behavior on your part, others in your family may catch on and show that same "Christian" spirit.

You do have an obligation to

obey your parents even though you have observed mistakes in their lives. You said you have a Christian family and so I am taking for granted that they are not insisting that you do things that would cause you disobey God.

Your wording, "fighting Christian family," is most interesting. Perhaps they truly have Christian ambitions but amidst the misunderstandings and conflicts have forgotten some of the principles taught by Jesus and His apostles.



by Fred Walter

EMPHASIS-----teleology

That's right: T-E-L-E-O-L-O-G-Y. This highfalutin five-cylinder word simply refers to the subject of goal-setting. We all set goals: education, vocation, marriage—all objectives achieved or being strived for.

Say, FYCer, what are your goals AS YOUR FYC's *PERSONAL REP* to the world? So you don't have any, or you really haven't thought about it, eh? Well, let's give some thought to this. What goals can your FYC set to assist you in achieving the highest objectives possible in reaching out to your community, to all the world, with the hope of Jesus?

You need to begin with a real solid, Christ-centered outreach. That's the purpose of MARK OF MERIT. Goals in themselves are meaningless, but the results of such goals as those outlined in MARK OF MERIT will be far-reaching in building solid foundations for OPERATION OUTREACH—bringing HOPE AND JOY to those in need (including that friend!).

Teen Guidelines

Calvin A. Burrell

Christian Standards for Youth



Each month of 1972 in AIM you will have the opportunity to read an article, written by a committeeman of the Youth Department, concerning modern-day issues which are important to Christian Youth. Some of the topics will be: "Jesus Movement," "Space Race," "Drugs and Drug Abuse," "Women's Lib," etc. They will always appear under the "Teen Guidelines" section in AIM.

Playing cards... public swimming... jewelry and cosmetics... bowling... skirt length... roller skating... movies... wigs... ball games... dating activities..." To do or not to do? Right or wrong? These are the "\$64,000 Questions."

Before going further, I want to make one point clear! I do not intend to discuss each of these items individually, and then place my stamp of approval or disapproval on each. It would be futile to do that, because you

probably wouldn't agree with me on all of them, and neither would your parents or your pastor.

It is my purpose to offer some specific hints to help you make logical decisions for yourself—decisions which will be acceptable with both God and the generation ahead.

RESPECT THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS—

"Why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set

at nought thy brother? . . . If thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably . . ." (Romans 14:10, 15).

If we want to prove ourselves as servants of God, we must be willing to respectfully consider the opinions of others in this matter of right or wrong Christian behavior.

In my teen-age years at camp meeting, I remember one of the ministers preaching about the rollers which the lady-folks use in their hair. He felt it was not proper for a Christian woman to use these "horns"; to him it was a matter of vanity. Following that service, some of us boys had a big laugh in ridiculing this elder and the message he preached about rollers.

Looking back, I can see the error in my behavior that day. The entire chapter of Romans 14 is written to deal with situations where there is reasonable room for disagreement among Christian brethren. Paul's advice is very plain: we ought not to "despise him that eateth not," and he ought not to judge us that eat. This does not take away our right to hold and express our own opinions, but it does command us to grant the other fellow a right to his opinions in these matters, with sincere respect for him and his feelings.

To ridicule or scoff at an opinion held by anyone, just because his idea is a little more old-fashioned than your own, is one certain sign of immaturity and

pride. It shows an unwillingness on your part to learn more about God's will for your life.

AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF EVIL

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).

Some activities are easily shown to be right; for instance, playing ball (and physical exercise of other kinds)—I Tim. 4:8. Others are definitely contrary to scripture, such as, woman-style hair for a fellow—I Cor. 11:14. But many other things are somewhere between the black and the white: their "right-ness" or "wrong-ness" may depend upon your own spiritual condition before the Lord. In these "grey-ish" activities, we must be careful to heed Paul's advice about abstaining from even the very appearance of evil.

A brother in Michigan told of attending a movie theater when he was a teen-age boy and a Christian. He evidently went to this activity fully confident that he was right with God and that he was seeing a worthwhile film. Later, however, he was approached by a friend who knew he was a Christian. The friend had been quite astonished to have seen a Christian from the Church of God go into this place of entertainment. As a result of that incident, this brother resolved never again to frequent movie theaters. It had been a

Don't most of our excuses attempt to hide this truth: I like to do it; I want to do it; and I'm probably going to do it . . .

poor witness to others—the appearance of evil.

Are you courageous enough to evaluate all of your behavior in such an honest, sincere manner?

DON'T RATIONALIZE, OR MAKE EXCUSES

"Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die" (Prov. 15:10).

All of us have been guilty of making ridiculous statements that were merely designed as a smoke-screen or an excuse to cover up the actual facts that we ought to have faced. This is called rationalizing, and it is dangerous because we are often able to convince ourselves that these flimsy excuses have actually won the battle for us.

We do this often when we are being told by parents or preacher or teacher that some deed of ours was wrong. Listen to our answer: "I don't see anything wrong with it." Such a statement is at least 90% dishonest, since what we usually mean is, "I don't want to see anything wrong with it (and I really haven't looked very far)."

Let's hear some more excuses: "Everybody else is doing it." "I just go for the good part and I don't let the rest bother me." "Ah, that's just the old

preacher yelling at us again." "What do they want us to do—wear our grandma's skirts and play tiddly winks all day?"

Another line of "reasoning" (rationalizing) was expressed in a letter to *Tell Me, Please* of the October, 1969, AIM. The writer asked: "Do you approve of playing pool in a home? If so, it should be all right to play in a pool hall, and if that is acceptable, it would be hard to say anything against playing poker in a gambling establishment."

Let's be honest with ourselves! Don't most of our excuses attempt to hide this truth: "I like to do it; I want to do it; and I'm probably going to do it, no matter what anybody tells me."

BE CERTAIN YOUR OPINIONS ARE BIBLE-BASED

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

How many times have you heard someone say, "I just let my conscience be my guide." If you have been one who thought that was a good rule, then please remember that "there is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Quite often a person's con-

science has been poorly trained, or has been seared by the hot iron of temptation and sin. It is God's Word, and not our conscience, that is given to us as our guide, our lamp, our light, that we might walk acceptably unto the Lord in every good work.

The next time a questionable activity or fashion confronts you, don't fall back on "my conscience is clear" or "I don't feel condemned doing it"; at least not until you have thoroughly trained your conscience with these and other Bible Standards:

- Does this thing call for being entertained by others committing sin? Romans 1:32.
- Is anything dishonest or impure involved? Philippians 4:8.
- Does it put me in a situation where temptation or lust is likely? II Tim. 2:22.
- Is it likely to cause offense or stumbling-blocks for other brethren? Romans 14:21.
- Does it tell others that I am a friend of the world? James 4:4.
- Does it violate the Christian standards of modesty and decency? I Tim. 2:9-10.
- Does it make me a good example for other Christians? I Tim. 4:12.

No matter what your conscience says, if the activity in question cannot pass these scriptural tests, or if there is serious doubt whether it passes, then the answer is "DON'T!"

GET IN TOUCH WITH GOD

"...Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2).

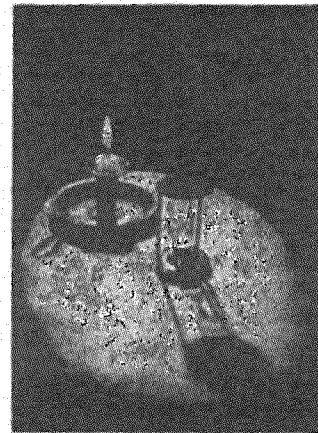
Do you know why it is so hard for some of us to appreciate and accept the standards of Christian conduct which our parents and pastors feel are important? Do these things perplex and upset you? I'm going to reveal from the scriptures the exact reason why it is difficult for you to see the reason for many things that your Bible, your church, and perhaps your parents teach you about standards of dedicated Christian living. Here it is:

"...They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh..." (Romans 8:5)

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14).

The reason that so many worldly activities and styles are attractive to us is this: we haven't really been transformed by the renewing of our mind to be a new creature with the very mind of Christ. We're still carnally minded; we still have a sinful nature; Satan still wields the mastery over us to cause us to desire things that are not right. As long as we remain in that sinful state, we will never fully understand why the Bible teaches strict stand-

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Take Time for God

By Marilyn Current

PRAYER: Righteous Father, wash out the sins from my life, and make me holy as you are.

Righteousness: (Holiness, Godliness, uprightness.)

Jan. 15—2 Cor. 7. Definition: Holiness is being cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit.

Jan. 16—I John 2. Definition: Righteousness is being born of God.

Jan. 17—Phil. 3. Thought: Righteousness comes from God through faith in Christ.

Jan. 18—Romans 19. Thought: We cannot obtain God's righteousness through our own attempts to keep the law. We must submit ourselves unto the righteousness of God (verse 3).

Jan. 19—Romans 4. Thought: Faith is counted for righteousness.

Jan. 20—2 Cor. 5. Thought: Christ was made sin for us, that we might receive God's righteousness.

Jan. 21—Gal. 2. Thought: "If righteousness comes by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

Jan. 22—Gal. 3. Thought: "For if there had been a law given which

could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law."

Jan. 23—I Tim. 2. Description (of Godliness): Let "women adorn themselves...with good works."

Jan. 24—Eph. 4. Description (of righteousness and holiness): "Put on the new man which is created after God."

Jan. 25—Isaiah 33. Description (of righteousness and uprightness): See verse 15.

Jan. 26—Isaiah 26. Description (of uprightness): "The way of the just is uprightness."

Jan. 27—1 Peter 1. Description (of holiness): "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation."

Jan. 28—Titus 2. (Description of holiness): "Be in behavior as becometh holiness" (see verses 3 and 4, for what follows).

Jan. 29—II Peter 1. Thought: Re-read (and study) verses 5, 6, 7, 8.

Jan. 30—Psalm 11. Reward: The Lord's countenance beholds the upright.

Jan. 31—Psalm 4. Reward: The Lord hath set apart for Himself, and will hear, the godly.

Feb. 1.—Acts 10. Reward: "In every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him."

Feb. 2—2 Peter 3. Reward: The righteous will dwell in a new heaven and a new earth.

Feb. 3—Romans 6. Reward: "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

Feb. 4—Psalm 1. Reward: "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water...and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Feb. 5—Psalm 15. Reward: The righteous shall abide in the Lord's tabernacle and dwell in His holy hill.

Feb. 6—Psalm 37. Reward: The righteous are not forsaken, and their seed need not beg bread.

Feb. 7—Isaiah 57. Reward: When the righteous die, it is because God is taking them away from the evil to come (verse 1).

Feb. 8—Rev. 22. Reward: "My reward is with me, every man according as his work shall be."

Feb. 9—I Tim. 4. Reward: "Having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

Feb. 10—I Tim. 6. Reward: "But godliness with contentment is great gain."

Feb. 11—II Tim. 3. Thought: "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Feb. 12—Heb. 12. Thought: Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.

Feb. 13—Ezekiel 3. Thought. Previous righteousness is to no avail if you die in iniquity.

Feb. 14—Ezekiel 18. Thought: (same as yesterday's.)

Feb. 15—Matt. 5. Thought: "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Feb. 16—Luke 17. Thought: "Every one that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Feb. 17—1 Peter 4. Thought: "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

Feb. 18—Genesis 15. Example: (of a righteous man): Abram—Abraham.

Feb. 19—Psalm 106. Example: Phinehas (verses 30 and 31)

Feb. 20—Heb. 11. Examples: (many mentioned throughout the chapter)

Feb. 21—I Chron. 29. Example: King David.

Feb. 22—Isaiah 51. Thought: God's righteousness shall be for ever.

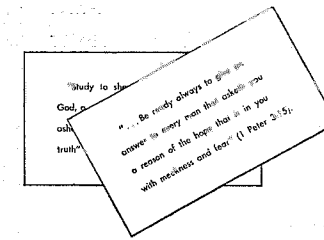
Feb. 23—Psalm 33. Thought: God loves righteousness and judgment.

Feb. 24—Rev. 19. Thought: Christ judges and makes war in righteousness.

Feb. 25—Jer. 33. Thought: "In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and
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(Verse Memorization Program)

M I N U T E M A N



by Marcia Woods

**WAR RAGES ON!
ENEMY ADVANCES,
INCREASES NUMBERS**

On with your helmet! Jump into your shoes! Grab your sword, your shield! Gird your loins tightly! Put on your breastplate! Arm for battle!

WAR HAS BEEN DECLARED! The forces of the opposition have set up strongholds in every teeming metropolis, and even in the most obscure villages.

We are surrounded on every side by a foe who prides himself on the most hideous and disastrous weapons known to man. Death, discouragement, pain, and disobedience are his favorite tools.

We must stop this advancement before it is too late. By taking on the armor provided by our Commander, we can not only challenge and defeat this enemy but we can also recruit new soldiers for our cause.

The source for these new recruits is the salvation plan sent down to man from our Leader through His only Son, Christ Jesus.

As we study the armor provided for us during the next few months, our goal must be to stop the advances of Satan and gain new soldiers for our Lord. Our own armor must be clean and ready to use before we gain others for Him. How does yours look?

Isaiah 59:17
Ephesians 6:17
I Thessalonians 5:8
Ephesians 2:8
Romans 5:8
Titus 3:5
Acts 4:12
II Thessalonians 2:13

Here we are with the "Due to circumstances . . ." bit!

Our Leadership Committee was to have been pictured on this center spread of our first 1972 AIM. However, the photos were lost in the mail. The engravers never received our pictures. Here are the listings of the assigned churches of each committeeman. Our apologies . . . but, like we said . . .

IT'S BEYOND OUR CONTROL . . . ! ! !

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MARGE ANDERSON

England

NOTE TO THE NEW YEAR

Be to me not the opening of all the doors
that I would enter, but be one;

Not the answers to my every question, but,
crystal-clear, contrive to be a small
percentage of them;

Not the symphony, but be at least a
singing violin;

Not the summits of all hills I may begin to
climb, but oh, be one hilltop to me.

New Year, be not a potpourri of friends,
but be a few known well;

Not the entire splendor of love,
but be its warming fire.

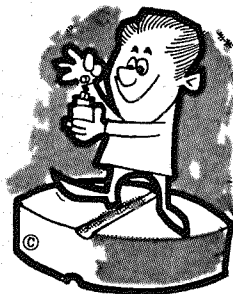
Be not the heavens, but one star
that bends to me, on tiptoe.

Then, be not so much of God
that I shall miss His personal touch.

—Elaine V. Emans

I Am a

Sick American



There are those who claim ours is a "sick" society; that our country is sick; that we are sick. Well, maybe they're right. I submit that I'm sick... and maybe you are, too.

I am sick of having policemen ridiculed and called "pigs" while cop killers are hailed as some kind of folk hero.

I am sick of being told that religion is the opiate of the people, but marijuana should be legalized.

I am sick of commentators and columnists canonizing anarchists, revolutionaries and criminal rapists, but condemning law enforcement when such criminals are brought to justice.

I am sick of being told that pornography is the right of the free press, but freedom of the press does not include being able to read the Bible on school grounds.

I am sick of paying more and more taxes to build schools while I see some faculty members encouraging students either to tear them down or burn them.

I am sick of Supreme Court decisions which turn criminals loose on society—while other decisions try

to take away my means of protecting my home and family.

I am sick of pot-smoking entertainers deluging me with their condemnation of my moral standards on late-night television.

I am sick of being told that policemen are mad dogs who should not have guns—but that criminals who use guns to rob, maim and murder should be understood and helped back to society.

I am sick of riots, marches, protests, demonstrations confrontations, and the other mob temper tantrums of people intellectually incapable of working within the system.

I am sick of hearing the same slick slogans, the cries of people who must chant the same thing like zombies because they haven't the capacity for verbalizing thought.

*A newspaper in Cincinnati received an anonymous letter-to-the-editor entitled "I Am a Sick American." The editor felt the letter was so profound he devoted an entire page to the letter. On June 25-27 Denver radio station KBTR broadcast the letter.

I am sick of cynical attitudes toward patriotism. I am sick of politicians with no backbone.

I am sick of permissiveness.

I am sick of the dirty, the foul-mouthed, the unwashed.

I am sick of the decline of personal honesty, personal integrity and human sincerity.

Most of all, though, I am sick of being told I'm sick. I'm sick of being told my country is sick—when we have the greatest nation that man has ever brought forth on the face of the earth. Fully 50 per cent of the people on earth would willingly trade places with the most deprived, the most underprivileged among us.

Yes, I may be sick, but if I am only sick, I can get well. I can also help my society get well—and help my country get well.

Take note, all of you... you will not find me throwing a rock or a bomb: you will not find me under a placard; you will not see me take

to the streets; you will not find me ranting to wild-eyed mobs.

But you will find me at work, paying taxes, serving in the community where I live.

You will also find me expressing my anger and indignation to elected officials.

You will find me speaking out in support of those officials, institutions and personalities who contribute to the elevation of society and not its destruction. You will find me contributing my time, money and personal influence to helping churches, hospitals, charities and other establishments which have shown the true spirit of this country's determination to ease pain, suffering, eliminate hunger and generate brotherhood.

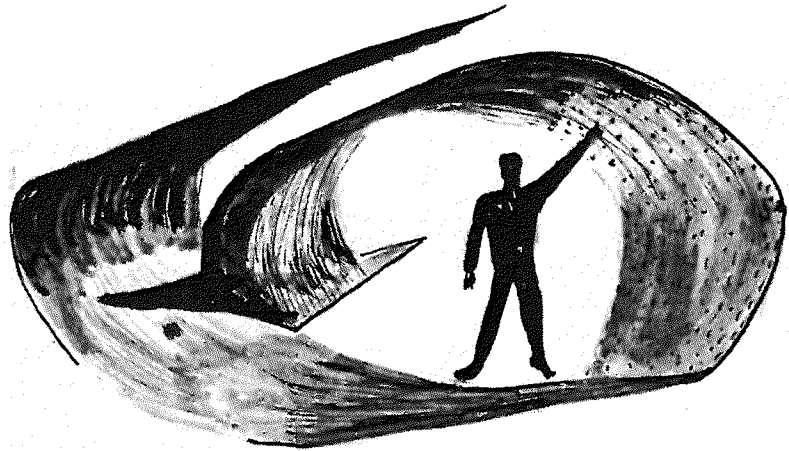
But, most of all, you'll find me at the polling place. There—if you listen—you can hear the thunder of the common man. There all of us can cast our vote—for an America where people can walk the streets without fear. *E.N.*

HOW TO BE POPULAR

Perhaps the most arresting bit of personal advice I ever encountered was this: If you want to be popular, live so that a blind person would like you.

The point is that lasting popularity depends not on having good looks or other surface personality traits, but upon inner qualities that somehow communicate themselves to others. Such qualities include a friendly voice, a sense of humor, kindness, thoughtfulness of the other fellow's tender ego, sincere praise, gratitude, and encouragement.

How well would a blind person like you?—Selected



Worse Than an Atheist

If a man should get up in a congregation and declare that he does not believe in the existence of God, it would produce a profound impression.

It happened at a church service in Parker County, Texas, that a man said to the person next to him that he did not believe in God. The man immediately reported to the minister what had been said to him.

Everything was still for a moment. The minister asked solemnly, "Did you say that?"

The atheist said, "I did."

"Do you not believe there is a God?"

"I do not."

The atheist was serious and stood his ground. It created a profound impression, a shock throughout the community.

The next morning the atheist

went to the post office, which was in a little store. The storekeeper was not at the meeting the night before and this conversation took place:

"Say, what is this I hear? I heard that you said publicly in the meeting last night that you do not believe in God."

"I said that."

"Why, man, you are a fool. Nature and everything proves that there is a God."

"Do you believe in God?" said the atheist.

"Certainly I do," said the storekeeper. "I have always believed there is a God."

"Do you serve Him?" asked the atheist.

"No, I am not a Christian; but I am not an infidel; I believe in God."

The atheist answered, "Man, YOU are a fool. If I believed there is a God, I would not lose an hour serving Him. How can you believe in God and not serve Him? That is the most foolish thing any man can possibly do."

They were both correct in their estimates of each other. "The fool hath said in his heart: There is no God." But his foolishness is exceeded by the man who believes there is a God and will not serve Him.

—Ambassador of Peace

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm! That certain something that makes us great—that pulls us out of the mediocre and commonplace—that builds into us Power. It glows and shines, it lights up our faces. Enthusiasm, the keynote that makes us sing and makes men sing with us.

Enthusiasm—the maker of friends—the maker of smiles—the producer of confidence. It cries to the world, "I've got what it takes." It tells all men that your job is a swell job—the company you work for just suits you—the goods you have are the best.

Enthusiasm—the inspiration that makes you "wake up and live." It puts spring in your step—spring in your heart—a twinkle in your eyes—confidence in yourself and your fellowmen.

Enthusiasm is reason gone mad to achieve a definite, rational objective.

Enthusiasm is inflamed by opposition, but never converted; it's the leaping lightning that blasts obstacles from its path.

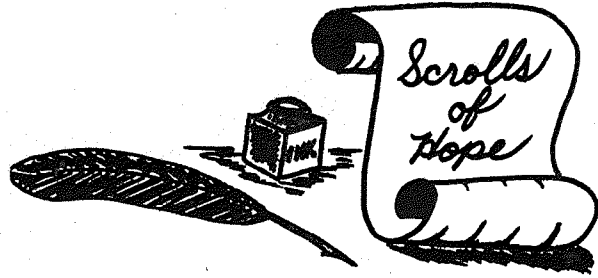
Enthusiasm is a contagion that laughs at quarantine and inoculates all who come in contact with it.

Enthusiasm is the vibrant thrill in your voice that sways the wills of others into harmony with your own.

Enthusiasm is the "philosopher's stone" that transmutes dull tasks into delightful deeds.

Enthusiasm is a magnet that draws kindred souls with irresistible force and electrifies them with the magnetism of its own resolves.

Enthusiasm—do you have it? Then thank God for it. If you haven't got it—then get down on your knees and pray for it.



As we hang a new calendar on the wall, we find ourselves looking ahead to what another year may bring—but also we look back to the many happenings of 1971.

For many it has held joyous experiences at youth camps and retreats. It has held the joy of seeing a friend accept Christ. It has also held the disappointment of seeing someone dear forsake the Christian way—perhaps even denounce a belief in God.

We look ahead and plan and hope for better things and greater accomplishments. We look back to memories both good and bad. Sometimes our looking back causes regret. We see where we could have done something better. Perhaps we even recognize that our present circumstances are still being affected by some action which we regret—something which we would change now if we could turn back our pages.

Looking back regretfully should be done only with the purpose of learning and benefiting from our mistakes. Too many people waste their energy uselessly in futile regrets.

“Our main concern should be with what lies beyond. The racer gains little by looking over his shoulder; his wisdom is to keep in view the goal, and the prize. All our strength is needed in building character, to prepare to meet our God, and we cannot afford to waste time in futile regrets and gloomy reverie. By looking above and ahead we may gain precious inspirations and energies which build character to meet successfully the wiles of the devil.

“We must watch both the introspective and the retrospective view, for either may lead us into error, but the upward look of faith can bring nothing but a blessing. Leave the past with God for He knows how best to deal with it—He will forget it after we confess and ask forgiveness. Yes, we should regret having done wrong, but to mourn a mischief that is past and gone is the next way to draw new mischief on.” (A. S. Christenson)

There is no return to the things we did

In the hours of yesterday.

But we can go forward to better things

And do them a better way.

We cannot retrace the steps we have made

Nor call back the words we said.

No, we cannot do things over again—

But we can do better instead. —Selected

“...but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13, 14).

Our religion is a quality of life. It is capable of being infused into all departments and interests of life. It may make as true and as fine manifestations of itself in the shop of a mechanic and in the store as in the pulpit of a minister.

Fault Finding

Samuel F. B. Morse was considered crazy many times before he succeeded in gaining the assistance of Congress in establishing his telegraph line between Washington and Baltimore. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell was referred to as an eccentric with a useless toy when he exhibited his first telephone at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876. The Wright brothers received very hostile criticism when they insisted upon trying to fly. The sole reason for the censure of these men was that they were different from the crowd. If they had listened to these adverse comments on their inventions, we might never have had these wonderful objects of progress.

One fast-growing habit of our modern age is fault-finding. We have no patience with the mistakes of others, but give little thought or time to correcting our own shortcomings. We use strong magnifying glasses in ferreting out the foibles of our neighbors and friends, but choose to hide our weak points under a bushel basket. We do not want people to be different from us or smarter than we are. If they are, we call them queer, temperamental, or even cast aspersion on their superior minds.

Accepting people and things as they are now, not as we would have them be, is a constructive way of living. We cannot change people anyway, so why fret and fume over the matter. When we begin singling out the wrongs of our fellowmen, our town, state or country, we only exaggerate them. Just because we think our companion is wrong and we are right, does not make it true. He could be correct and we incorrect. So let us remember, “There is so much bad in the best of us, so much good in the worst of us, it does not behoove any of us, to talk about the rest of us.”—Hazel Gest,

in *Sunshine*

Do You Know

"Gloomy Gordy" or "Super-Sunny Sue"?

by Grace V. Watkins

Do you know Gloomy Gordy? He's one big ball of gloom. If you were talking to Gordy, whatever topic you launched, he'd soon assure you in dark-dripping paragraphs that he was on a black list.

You say you'd cross the street to avoid an encounter with a person like that. So would anybody in teen-land.

Do you know Super-sunny Susie? *Everything* in her life is marvelous. She oozes 100 per cent joy, success, fun with a capital "F."

Maybe Susie isn't as obnoxious as Gordy. But she wouldn't win a prize in a popularity contest.

Why do other teens often take the long way around when they see Susie coming? Well, however brightly she trumpets about how ducky her life is, on-lookers and listeners detect that she's putting on an act. Cheerfulness is fine. But overdone it gets rather sticky.

If you were asked to pinpoint the psychological cause of Gordy's going off to the left and

Susie's going off to the right, what would you say? "Self-centeredness"? Right! And you'd probably add the comment that me, myself, and I-ers are painful; that, when they specialize in gloom or glitter with undiluted sunshine, they miss the very thing they want—a satisfying life.

Remember what Jesus Christ said on the subject of being self-centered? He said, "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Too bad somebody doesn't show Gordy and Susie that in order to have a full, satisfying life, a person has to put himself largely into the lives of others.

But is it *always* a mistake to mention a disappointment, a sorrow, some trouble that has come? Is it always a mistake to be bright-eyed and happy? No, of course not. It's a normal longing of the human heart to share sorrow with someone—a sympathetic friend or counselor; it's fine to be radiantly happy, much of the time, if it's sincere. But

when either area is overdone, it becomes oppressive. And either one, carried to extremes, ruins a girl's or fellow's Christian witness.

One remarkable thing about Gloomy Gordy and all like him is that if the *other* person begins talking about *his* troubles, Gordy is completely disinterested and moves off in a hurry!

Teens who can confide troubles and problems, yet do it bravely with courage and Christian faith; who will also listen to the difficulties of others, give sympathy and help, have an A-plus opportunity for Christian witnessing.

Cheerful people are nice? Yes, definitely. But girls and fellows who overdo it, who show no interest in the joys and successes of others, rate D-minus.

Very privately, did you know that usually the Super-sunny Susies are merely trying to cover up that they feel inferior and on the defensive? Sometimes they resent their background—home, family, family income;

feeling their wardrobes or talents or prospects for the future are sub-level? Our friends the psychologists say it's true. So these mixed-up teens make a big attempt to seem glittering and very successful and happy.

Can *you* strike a balance of the two—without being like Gloomy Gordy or Super-sunny Susie? If you show genuine happiness, gratitude for life's blessings, yet never brag or spread it on thick; if you rejoice at the happiness and success of others; if you can confide a trouble or problem without being complaining; if you can lend a sympathetic ear and offer help; then there's no limit to what you can accomplish for God and His kingdom all the years of your life! If you have dedicated your life to Him, if daily you ask that He will use you to reach others with the glory of salvation, He will give you avenues of service that will be shining challenges.

—*The Lighted Pathway*

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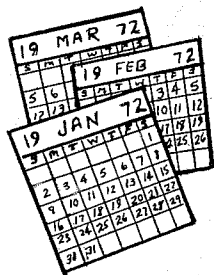
A look, a smile, a warm handclasp,
As we pass in the busy throng,
But we went our way with a gladder heart,
And we sang a gladder song;
For we walk not alone, however we think,
For our need of our friends is strong,
And heart meets heart through eye and hand,
As we speed each the other along.

—*Arthur Tisdale White.*

New Money System for Mark of Merit



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In a recent move designed to bolster the sagging economy, the National F.Y.C. announced that it is instituting a new system of receiving finances from member states, the local F.Y.C. groups.

A type of "revenue sharing," the new plan will ask each local group to share as many dollars per year with the National F.Y.C. as there are total people in attendance at the local church. A pleasing part of the new system, according to C. Archie Burrell, F.Y.C. Chairman, is that it requires little from a small group, while asking more from a larger local group.

K. Ray Lawson, Finance Committee Chairman, said he expected great progress in the Young People's Department with the new operation. A more detailed explanation of the system, which is called "Quarter-per-Quarter," is expected soon. Watch your mail for the details.

CHRISTIAN STANDARDS FOR YOUTH

(Continued from page 14)

ards, and why the church seeks to enforce them. It all seems like foolishness to us.

Whenever I hear an obviously unconverted person begin to give his advice on Christian standards, I always think, "Oh, no, here we go again. A seamstress is going to tell us about overhauling an engine. A second-grader is lecturing on brain surgery. A hobo is passing out

advice for financial success."

My parting advice is this: Let's all get in touch with God. Let's earnestly invest in God's business! It is only then that we will have the right to honestly express ourselves about these controversial matters of Christian conduct.

When we are all led by the spirit of God, *then* I have confidence that we will be able to see things more clearly together, and understand better how to please our wonderful God in everything that we do!

2T4G—TAKE TIME FOR GOD

(Continued from page 16)

this is the name wherewith she shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness."

Feb. 26—Psalm 145. Thought: "The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works."

Feb. 27—Romans 3. Thought: "Now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ."

Feb. 28—Zech. 14. Thought: Note verses 20 and 21.

Feb. 29—Psalm 97. Thought: Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of the Lord's throne.

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Janet Meadows has completed a whole year of 2T4G, and Mike Meadows has completed 9 months. Pat Jones has completed 3 months. Keep up the good work. Remember, "A chapter a day keeps the devil away!"

Some pray for sun, and some for rain, and sometimes both together; I pray for sunshine in my heart, and then forget the weather.

THE WORLD NEEDS MEN

- Who cannot be bought
- Whose word is their bond
- Who put character above wealth
- Who possess opinions and a will
- Who are larger than their vocations
- Who do not hesitate to take chances
- Who will not lose their individuality in a crowd
- Who will be as honest in small things as in great things
- Who will make no compromise with wrong
- Whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires
- Who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it"
- Who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as in prosperity
- Who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning and hardheadedness are the best qualities for winning success
- Who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular, who can say "no" with emphasis, although all the rest of the world says "yes."

... Into Every Nation

Foreign Correspondence Report from John Lemley

"... And was clad with zeal for a cloak" (Isaiah 59:17). This verse is referring to our Lord. As Christians who are walking in Jesus' footsteps, it also has special significance for each of us. An unquenchable enthusiasm for living and propagating the Gospel message is essential in the life of every young person. The FYCers in London express this type of zeal in the following letter from Madge Anderson:

"Grace be with you and peace from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that we would be delivered from this present evil world according to the will of God."

"First I must express my thanks once again to the National Young People's Department. It was indeed a wonderful opportunity for me to go to California and participate in such a wonderful spiritual feast with you. I was immensely blessed and joys are now overflowing.

"In April we will have our next annual National Young People's Meeting. Then I shall be able to send you a substantial report. We are really excited about the opportunities the FYC offers toward serving God better. We would like to keep up-to-date and be a part of everything. Some of us are now joining Minuteman, Take Time for God, and Evangelette programs. I think this can be a great start and as the days go by I hope that all the FYCers will join up.

"We need some registration and Mark of Merit forms. Twenty-four of us would like to subscribe to AIM. We want to begin 1972 properly and that is to begin with AIM in our homes.

"The FYCers here have been doing some evangelistic touring. Other churches are asking for us to come to visit them. When we go, we show them that it is very important to keep God's holy Sabbath. We will be going to Birmingham this weekend and Derby the last week in December if God's willing. We are having a wonderful time in the Lord. Let us pray one for another as we work in unity for Christ and His Church."

Your sister in Christ,
Madge

THE "INTELLECTUAL"

(Continued from page 7)

He soon finds himself as a traveler in a vast desert that stretches endlessly to the horizon. His practical mind refuses to believe the distant oasis of greenery and life-giving water, thinking it only a mirage; and, therefore, he loses the drive to push on, the inward force to try to reach the sparkling clear water that lies ahead.

With despair in his heart, he faces death. Whereas, if he had pushed on, he would have found life, and that more abundantly.
—Selected

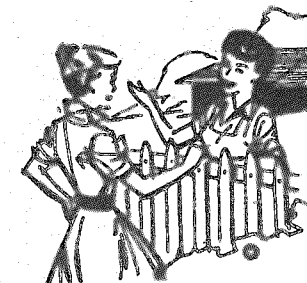
IN HIS STEPS

by Milton Mangum

That which constitutes the supreme worth of life is not wealth, nor ease, nor fame—nor even happiness, but service. Nothing at last counts but service, and that always counts.

—Alfred W. Martin.

Isn't It Funny?



When the other fellow takes a long time to do something, he's slow.
But, when I take a long time to do something, I'm thorough.

When the other fellow goes ahead and does something without being told, that's overstepping his bounds.

But, when I go ahead and do something without being told,
That's initiative.

When the other fellow states his side of a question strongly
he's bullheaded.

But, when I state my side of a question strongly, I'm being firm.

When the other fellow overlooks a few rules of etiquette, he's rude.
But, when I skip a few of the rules, I'm being original.

When the other fellow makes a mistake, he sure had it coming
to him.

But, when I make a mistake, Man! That's bad luck!

Funny, isn't it that it is so hard to correct faults?

Maybe it's just because we do not even recognize them—except
in others.

Please Help Us!!!

We can be of help to you only if you help us by sending in your registrations so we can up-date our mailing list.

Will you please compile a complete list of names and addresses of all young people in your local group between ages 12 and 25? Send the list to David Robinson, P. O. Box 6, Stanberry, Missouri 64489

For Sale

The following articles are being sold through the National FYC office:

FAITH TRIO Records—\$4
CHALLENGERS Records—\$4
1965 Youth Team Records—\$2
F.Y.C. Sweaters—\$2 each
F.Y.C. Stationery—\$.75 per packet
F.Y.C. Decals—\$.25 each
F.Y.C. Plaques—\$1.50 each
F.Y.C. Car Tags—\$1.50 each

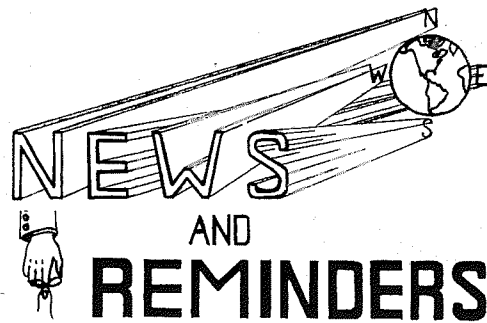
Most of these items have already been paid for by the Youth Department, so every penny you spend on them will go directly into the work of the National F.Y.C. When you buy, you help us as you help yourself.

Address of 2T4G Director

Marilyn Current is our new 2T4G Director. Please send all folders to her home address: RR No. 3, Box 563, Edwardsburg, Michigan 49112.

Free Booklets Available

The following booklets are available free of charge from the National F.Y.C. office:



Mark of Merit—explanation of local F.Y.C. group's organization and work.

Active—Active—Active—hints for a more active local F.Y.C. group.

Christian Witnessing for FYCers—practical pointers on communicating Christ.

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Report forms for the Mark of Merit program should be mailed to Elder Fred Walter, 5171 Bay Shore Road, Oregon, Ohio 43616.

Evangelette Director's Address

The address of Sheryl (Youngs) Blalock, Evangelette Director, is Box 129, Cloudland, Georgia 30709.

National FYC Office Address

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National Faithful Youth Challengers
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OUR SHADOWS HELPFUL

All unconsciously to ourselves God is making the shadows of our lives helpful to others. The sorrow that we bear, the pain that we suffer, the trials that we endure are occasions of helpfulness to those who observe us. It is as though God were making our shadows reach out and give shelter to those who are almost overcome by the torrid heat of life's terrible temptations.

This will help us to understand some of the inexplicable experiences that are given to us in this life. You may never know why God has caused you to endure a particular suffering, why He has laid His hand heavy upon you; but if you could see as He sees into the hearts of those who have been watching you, then you would know that the shadow of your life has been as the blessing of God to others.

—Selected

SET YOUR OWN CLOCK

by Harleigh M. Rosenberger

The story is told of a man who walked each day by a jewelry store. For years he would stop and set his watch by the big clock in the window. One day the jeweler said, "I see that you set your watch by my clock. What kind of work do you do that demands such correct time each day?" The man replied, "I am the watchman at the plant down the street and my job is to blow the five o'clock whistle." The jeweler smiled and said, "Each day I set that clock by your whistle."

It is easy to set our moral clocks by the lives of others. Too often, when a child asks to do a certain thing, the parent asks, "What are the others doing?" We assume because others allow certain actions in life that we can allow them, too.

But it is dangerous to set our moral clocks by the clocks of others. Each of us must find a higher criterion for judging the right and wrong in life. It is our challenge to follow the very highest that we know. We dare not yield to the pressures of conformity and follow the crowd. Men must stand for what they know to be the right deep within themselves—and stand alone if needs be.

Adapted from *Sunshine*

If a fellow has an empty stomach, it won't let him rest until he fills it. Too bad an empty head doesn't do the same.

"Christ in All We Do in 1972"

Both for submitting the winning motto and for sketching the motto emblem which appears on the cover, our appreciation goes to Carolyn Clements. Below is Carolyn's "motto paragraph."

Faster, faster and faster spin the wheels: the wheels of transportation, of industry, of amusement, and the wheels of the mind and of time. So little time—so much to do! Our dizzy world spins . . . and staggers. Certainly Christ MUST come swiftly! And when He does, I wonder what He will find you doing. Who will be at the wheel of your life? On each whirling spoke will SELF have a stubborn grip, or shall His hand rest there?

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Ages 9-20

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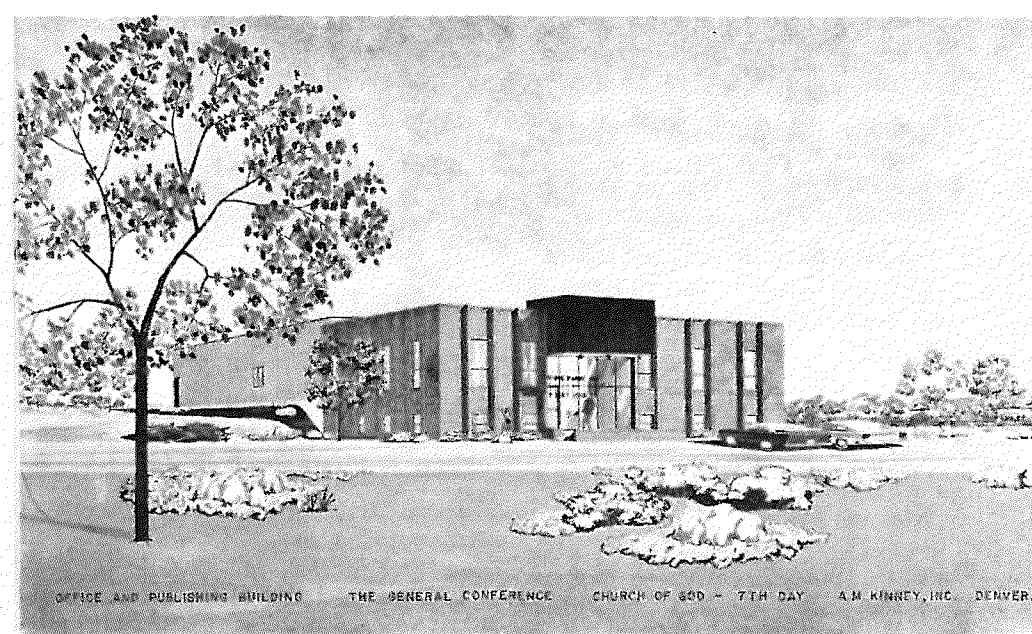
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